

one more reader to read it regularly. The Day Book would be making some money.

Personally I believe the success of The Day Book means more to the people of Chicago than subways, boulevards, forty-story skyscrapers and all material improvements contemplated or even imagined.

It isn't the great structures of steel and stone and cement that make a city great. Only the people by being great can make a city great. A city has a soul, and the greatness of a city is measured by the greatness of its soul.

I believe Chicago has a great civic soul, because I believe all the elements that go to make any community great are to be found right here in Chicago. Our civic soul would grow faster if there were better opportunities for expression of the hopes and aspirations of the people.

I believe that growth is held back by the lack of a free press. And the main purpose of The Day Book is to pave the way for a press that is truly free.

I have gone far enough with it to be satisfied that the experiment will ultimately be successful. Expecting the people to be slow to grasp the idea, I made arrangements at the outset to have the money to keep the adless paper going until the people make it a success.

So I am not disturbed by the fact that The Day Book is still losing money, although I am greatly interested in increasing its circulation as fast as possible because the larger my audience the more good I can do with The Day Book.

If the people of Chicago knew what a free press means to them, and what the success of The Day Book means to a free press and hence to them, they would be organizing all over the city to increase its circulation.

It would be to them what my work on The Day Book is—a labor of love. I never expected to make a dollar for

myself with The Day Book, but I never enjoyed any work I did as much as I enjoy the work I am doing now. I believe The Day Book is doing more than all other newspapers in Chicago combined to help the people to THINK—and to think for their own good.

I am trying to give the people a daily newspaper that is in truth THEIR newspaper—not a newspaper edited to play the selfish game of some individual with a private axe to grind.

And I confidently predict that not many years from now The Day Book will have by far the largest circulation in Chicago.

Contempt of Court.—The august, begowned two-legged human beings who make up what we know as the Supreme Court of the United States have finally got that Bucks Stove & Range contempt case off their chest, by freeing Sam Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison of that jail sentence on the ground that it is barred by the statute of limitations.

Incidentally, however, the court held that contempts of courts are crimes. Justice Holmes, who did the talking for the bunch, said that contempts are infractions of the law, visited with punishment as such, and if they were not crimes the court was in error as to the most fundamental characteristics of crimes as that word has been understood in English speech. The mere fact, he said, that as contempts had been worked and fought out they were not triable by jury did not make them any the less crimes.

This alleged contempt was pulled off six or seven years ago when the federal court at Washington issued an injunction against the labor leaders, prohibiting them from boycotting the Buck's Stove & Range of St. Louis.

It consisted, according to the court, in publishing the stove company in the "We Don't Patronize" list, and of